

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

www.arlingtoncemetery.com

View the graves of William Howard Taft, John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis, and Omar Bradley, among other American heroes. The Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier occurs every hour on the hour during winter months and every half hour during the summer months. Visitors can also see Arlington House/Custis-Lee Mansion restored to its pre-Civil War appearance when Robert E. Lee lived there. *The Cemetery is open daily, October to March from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and April to September from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. The mansion is open daily, October to March from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and April through September from 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is free.* For Cemetery information, call (703) 695-3250. For Arlington House information, call (703) 557-0613. **Metro: Arlington Cemetery**

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING

www.moneyfactory.com

14th and C Streets, SW, Washington, D.C. 20228. (202) 874-3019. Tour the largest producer of security documents in the U.S. where over 9 billion Federal Reserve notes and 20 billion postage stamps are produced each year. *A general 35-minute public tour for individuals, families, and groups is offered Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (From June to August, extended evening general tours are offered from 5 p.m. - 6:40 p.m.) Tickets are required for all general tours and are distributed for the present day only, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (From June to August, the ticket booth reopens from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.) For those planning months in advance, Rep. Hensarling's office coordinates a limited number of 45-minute Congressional tours Monday to Friday at 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. (and at 4, 4:15, 4:30, and 4:45 p.m. from May to August).* **Metro: Smithsonian**

CAPITAL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

www.ccm.org

800 3rd Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002. (202) 675-4120. Unique educational complex that encourages children to touch, smell, taste, and wear the exhibits. *Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Admission is \$7; children 2 and under enter free; and group admission is \$5.* **Metro: Union Station**

CIVIL WAR DISCOVERY TRAIL

www.civilwar.org/discoverytrail.htm

1331 H Street, NW, Suite 1001, Washington, D.C. 20005. 1-800-CWTRUST. The Civil War Discovery Trail links more than 420 sites in 24 states, including D.C., Virginia, and Maryland to inspire and to teach the story of the Civil War and its impact on America. The Trail allows visitors to explore battlefields, museums, parks, antebellum plantations, Underground Railroad stations, cemeteries, and other destinations that bring history to life. To order the Official Guide to the Civil War Discovery Trail, call toll free 1-888-CWTRAIL.

CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY

www.findagrave.com/cemeteries/dccongressional.html

1801 E Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003. (202) 543-0539. The nation's first cemetery, dating back to 1807, is the final resting place for many significant Americans and contains a large collection of Victorian statuary. Notables buried here include John Philip Sousa, J. Edgar Hoover, and congressmen, among others. *The Cemetery is open daily from dawn to dusk and on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free, though a contribution is requested. Guided tours and group tours can be arranged by appointment.* **Metro: Stadium-Armory**

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART

www.corcoran.org

500 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. (202) 639-1700. Washington's first art museum is known internationally for its distinguished collection of historical and modern American art, as well as European painting, sculpture, and decorative arts. *The Gallery is open Wednesday through Monday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (to 9 p.m. on Thursday) and requests a donation of \$3 for adults or \$5 for families. Free guided tours are conducted daily at 12:30 p.m.; group tours can be arranged by appointment.* **Metro: Farragut North or Farragut West**

DAR MUSEUM

1776 D Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. (202) 879-3241. The museum of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution features 33 period rooms with a superb collection of American furnishings and galleries with changing exhibits. *The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m. except for national holidays. Period room tours are conducted Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m. Admission is free.* **Metro: Farragut West**

DECATUR HOUSE

www.decatourhouse.org

748 Jackson Place, NW, Washington D.C. 20006. (202) 842-0920. Built for naval hero Commodore Stephen Decatur in 1819. Decatur House was the first neighbor to the president. Visitors can follow this 19th-century historic museum's 170-year journey from Civil War supply depot to public museum. *The House is open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday to Sunday from noon - 4 p.m. Admission is free. The guided tour lasts 40 minutes.* **Metro: Farragut West**

DUMBARTON HOUSE

2715 Q Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. (202) 337-2288. Headquarters of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, this federal house museum includes fine 18th- and 19th-century American furniture and art collections. *The House is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Admission is free. Donations are encouraged. The House is closed in August and from Dec. 24 - Jan. 2.* **Metro: Dupont Circle**

DUMBARTON OAKS

www.doaks.org

1703 32nd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. (202) 339-6400. A 19th-century mansion with 10-acres of gardens. *Museum is open Tuesday to Sunday 2 - 5 p.m.; gardens are open daily 2 - 6 p.m. from April to October. Closed all federal holidays. Admission to enter gardens is \$5.* **Metro: Dupont**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

www.fbi.gov

E Street between 9th and 10th Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. 20535. (202) 324-3447. Currently closed for extensive renovations, and will reopen summer 2003. See crime labs, exhibits, and a firearms demonstration. *A 1-hour tour is given Monday to Friday from 8:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. except on holidays. Admission is free. Reservations are required for groups of 15 or more. During peak visitor season (March to September) reservations through Rep. Hensarling's office are recommended at least six weeks in advance. For groups during peak visitor season, reservations are needed at least three months in advance.* **Metro: Federal Triangle or Archives**

FDR MEMORIAL

www.nps.gov/fdrm/home.htm

1850 West Basin Drive, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. (202) 376-6704. This 7.5 acre memorial consists of four outdoor “gallery” rooms featuring ten bronze sculptures depicting President and Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt and events from the Great Depression and WWII. The park-like setting includes waterfalls and granite carvings with FDR’s inspiring words. *Open 8 a.m. - midnight except on Christmas.* **Metro: Smithsonian (3/4 of a mile walk)**

FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY

www.folger.edu

201 East Capitol Street, SE, Washington D.C. 20003. (202) 544-7077. This private, nonprofit research library has one of the world’s finest collections of Shakespeare and Renaissance materials. Public events include exhibits and lectures. *Open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed all federal holidays. Admission is free. There is a daily 90-minute guided tour at 11 a.m.* **Metro: Capitol South**

FORD’S THEATRE AND LINCOLN MUSEUM

www.nps.gov/foth

517 Tenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. (202) 347-4833. This beautifully restored 19th-century showplace features theater’s best. The Lincoln Museum has over 400 historic objects that tell the story of Lincoln’s assassination. Petersen’s Boarding House where Lincoln died is across the street. *Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except during performances and Christmas. Admission is free.* **Metro: Metro Center**

FRANCISCAN MONASTERY

www.gardenvisit.com/ge/francis.htm

1400 Quincy Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20017. (202) 526-6800. Founded to educate men to serve as Franciscan missionaries, this retreat includes a garden, statues of St. Francis, and reproductions of Holy Land shrines. *Free hourly tours are offered Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$1.* **Metro: Brookland-CUA**

FREDERICK DOUGLASS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

www.nps.gov/frdo/freddoug.htm

1411 W Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20020. 1-800-967-2283. Visit the former home of famed African-American abolitionist, orator, diplomat, essayist, and U.S. Treasury auditor. Visitor center features exhibits and a film on Douglass. *Open daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (to 5 p.m. from April 15 - October 15) except Jan. 1, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Cost is \$2; 5 or more must have reservations.* **Metro: Anacostia (a mile walk)**

GEORGETOWN PARK

3222 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. (202) 342-8190. Built in the 1800s, this historic site once housed horse-drawn omnibuses. In the 1960s, the White House used the site for the Situation Room and first Moscow hotline. While building the current Victorian-style shopping center, archaeologists unearthed thousands of artifacts now on permanent display in the Park Museum. *The park is open daily.* **Metro: Foggy Bottom (then take bus)**

HOWARD UNIVERSITY ALAIN LOCKE COLLECTION

wwwFOUNDERS.howard.edu/art@howard/goa

2400 6th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20020. (202) 806-7480. One of the most prestigious, historically Black universities in the country, the University also houses the Gallery of Art featuring the permanent Alain Locke African collection and exhibits. The Moorland-Springarn Research Center contains the country’s largest collection of materials documenting the history and culture of African Americans. *The center is open by appointment only Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (and until 5 p.m. on Saturday).* **Metro: Shaw-Howard University**

INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM

www.spymuseum.org

800 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. (202) 654-0960. The International Spy Museum explores the craft, practice, history, and contemporary job of espionage. Gain access to the world’s largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display. Over 600 pieces are on exhibit. *The Museum is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April through October and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. November through March. Open every day of the year except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. Cost is \$11 for adults, \$9 for seniors, and \$8 for children over five.* **Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial**

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

www.nps.gov/thje/home.htm

Tidal Basin, south end of 15th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. (202) 426-1852. The 19-foot bronze statue of the third president stands beneath a rotunda inscribed with passages from the Declaration of Independence and Jefferson’s other famous writings. *The memorial is open daily except Christmas, and admission is free. A park ranger is present from 8 a.m. to midnight.* **Metro: Smithsonian (just under a mile walk)**

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

<http://www.jewishculture.org/jewishmuseums/small.htm>

701 3rd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. (202) 789-0900. The oldest synagogue building in Washington, dedicated in 1876, now houses the Lillian and Albert Small Jewish Museum. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and features a restored sanctuary, a permanent exhibit on the history of the Washington Jewish community, plus changing exhibits. *It is open Sunday through Thursday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Guided tours are available by appointment. Suggested donation is \$2.* **Metro: Judiciary Square**

JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

www.kennedy-center.org

2700 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20566. 1-800-444-1324. The independent, privately supported national performing arts center houses six magnificent theaters for drama, dance, ballet, music, comedy, films, and commissioned works. It is also the home of the National Symphony Orchestra, Washington Opera, and American Film Institute. *Hours and prices vary according to event. Free guided tours are offered daily Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are gift shops, restaurants, and private reception spaces. The Center also offers free performances everyday at 6 p.m. on the Millennium Stage; no tickets are required. Reserved tours can be arranged through Rep. Hensarling’s office.* **Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (Take the free Show Shuttle to and from the Center.)**

KENILWORTH AQUATIC GARDENS

Anacostia Avenue & Douglas Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20019. (202) 426-6905. Thousands of water plants, water lilies, lotuses, water hyacinths, and bamboo grow in ponds along the Anacostia River. Flowers bloom from May to early fall. *The gardens are open daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Visitor's Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, and guided tours are available.* **Metro: Deanwood**

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

www.nps.gov/kwvm

Adjacent to the Reflecting Pool, Washington, D.C. (202) 208-3561. Built by the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board at a cost of \$18 billion in donated funds, this powerful memorial, located on a 2.2 acre site adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, features a sculptured column of 19 foot soldiers arrayed for combat, with the American flag as their symbolic objective. A 164-foot mural wall is inscribed with the words "Freedom Is Not Free" and is etched with 2,500 photographic images of nurses, chaplains, crew chiefs, mechanics, and other support personnel to symbolize the vast effort that sustained the military operation. *The memorial is open daily from 8 a.m. to midnight.* **Metro: Smithsonian**

KREEGER MUSEUM

www.kreegermuseum.com

2401 Foxhall Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. (202) 337-3050. The Kreeger Museum is a private, nonprofit museum located in the former residence of Carmen and David Lloyd Kreeger. Designed by renowned architect Philip Johnson, the museum displays a collection of 19th- and 20th-century paintings and sculpture, plus African and other non-Western art. *Appointments are required for tours given Tuesday to Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (except for the month of August when the museum is closed). The suggested donation is \$5.* **Metro: Tenleytown (take taxi 4 miles)**

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

www.loc.gov

10 First Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20540. (202) 707-8000. The world's largest library, the Library of Congress contains over 111 million items in three buildings. The 1897 Thomas Jefferson Building houses one of the world's three perfect copies of the Gutenberg Bible and a permanent rotating exhibit of "American Treasures of the Library of Congress." The Main Reading Room can be viewed from the Visitors' Gallery. *Open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed all federal holidays. Admission is free. Tours are offered at 10:30 a.m., 11:30, 1:30, 2:30., and 3:30 p.m.. Constituent tours are at 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.; constituent group tours are at 9, 10, 11, and 1 p.m. Reservations may be made through Rep. Hensarling's office. A 12-minute film is shown continuously in the Visitors' Center in the Jefferson Building.* **Metro: Capitol South**

LINCOLN MEMORIAL

www.nps.gov/linc

West Potomac Park at 23rd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. (202) 426-6841. A 19-foot marble statue of President Abraham Lincoln is flanked by inscriptions from his Second Inaugural Address and the famous Gettysburg Address. *The Memorial is open daily except for Christmas, and admission is free. A park ranger is present from 8 a.m. until midnight.* **Metro: Smithsonian (10 min. walk)**

MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL / IWO JIMA STATUE

www.nps.gov/gwmp/usmc.htm

Route 50, near Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. (703) 289-2500. One of the largest bronze statues ever cast, this 78-foot memorial commemorates all marines who have died in battle since 1775. Felix W. de Weldon created the monument from the famous photograph showing the flag being raised on Mount Suribachi during WWII. *The Memorial is open 24 hours a day, and admission is free.* **Metro: Rosslyn**

MCI NATIONAL SPORTS GALLERY

www.mcicenter.com

601 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. (202) 661-5133. Home to the American Sportscasters Association Hall of Fame and Museum, the 25,000 square foot Gallery showcases American sports history through the world's most significant sports memorabilia collections and exhibits. Visitors can also play 40 interactive technology games. *Open daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. if there is no evening event. Admission is \$5.* **Metro: Gallery Place-Chinatown**

MOUNT VERNON ESTATE AND GARDEN

www.mountvernon.org

George Washington Parkway, Mount Vernon, VA 22121. (703) 780-2000. Stretching over 500 acres overlooking the Potomac River and 16 miles from Washington, D.C., the Estate was home to our first president. Visitors can tour the mansion, Washington's tomb, museums, 12 outbuildings, and gardens. Special tours are available seasonally. The Estate is open daily April to August from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; in November to February from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and in March, September, and October from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors, \$4.50 for kids ages 6-11, and free for those under 5. Reservations can be arranged through Rep. Hensarling's office.

NATIONAL AQUARIUM

www.aqua.org

Dept. of Commerce Building at 14th and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20230. (202) 482-2826. The nation's first public aquarium has 70 tanks housing rare sea turtles, alligators, sharks, piranha, and 1200 other specimens of marine life. *The Aquarium is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Christmas. Admission is \$3 for adults and 75 cents for children ages 2-10.* **Metro: Federal Triangle**

NATIONAL ARBORETUM

www.usna.usda.gov

3501 New York Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. 20002. (202) 245-2726. The Arboretum contains 444 acres of trees, shrubs, flowering plants, picnic grounds, herb gardens, and a famous Bonsai collection. *Open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Christmas. Admission is free.* **Metro: Stadium-Armory**

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

www.nara.gov

7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20408. (202) 501-5000. The exhibit halls of the National Archives Building in downtown Washington, D.C., are closed for renovation. The building is expected to reopen mid-to-late 2003. **Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial**

NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM

www.nbm.org

401 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. (202) 272-2448. Housed in the historic Pension Building, the museum presents exhibits on all aspects of architecture, building, and historic preservation. The permanent "Washington: Symbol and City" exhibit chronicles the building of the

Nation's capital city. *Open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Tours are conducted daily starting at 12:30 p.m. Closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Admission is free. Metro: Judiciary Square*

NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS CENTRAL AREA

www.nps.gov/nacc/index.htm

North and south of Jefferson Memorial and Tidal Basin, Washington, D.C. (202) 485-9880. West Potomac Park, the area between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, includes the Tidal Basin and the beautiful cherry trees. Hains Point on the tip of East Potomac Park features the giant bronze statue, The Awakening. *Open daily 6 a.m. - midnight. Metro: Smithsonian*

NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

www.cathedral.org/cathedral

Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW, Washington, D.C. 20016. (202) 537-6200. A 14th-century Gothic cathedral, garden, and shops set on 57 acres. An observation gallery offers a magnificent view of D.C. and surrounding area. *The Cathedral is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Tours are given Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m., and Sunday from 12:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. except during services. Suggested donation is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids. Metro: Tenleytown*

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

www.nga.gov

4th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20565. (202) 737-4215. Permanent collection of European and American paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, plus changing exhibitions from around the world. *Open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. except for New Year's Day and Christmas. Admission is free. Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial or Judiciary Square*

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

www.nationalgeographic.com

1145 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. (202) 857-7588. Featuring *Geographica*, an interactive exhibit dedicated to teaching about the earth and its geography. Earth Station One simulates an orbital flight and features the world's largest unmounted globe. *Open Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Christmas. Admission is free. Metro: Farragut North*

NATIONAL JEWISH MUSEUM, B'NAI B'RITH KLUTZNICK

www.bnaibrith.org

1640 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. (202) 857-6583. The museum presents Jewish culture and history using ancient artifacts and contemporary art. Permanent collections and changing exhibits highlight history, ethnography, and art, and explore Jewish culture within the context of other cultures. *The museum is open Sunday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guided tours are available by appointment. Closed Saturdays and for Jewish and federal holidays except Christmas. Admission is free. Metro: Farragut North*

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL

www.nleomf.com

E Street, NW, between 4th & 5th Streets. Visitors Center - 605 E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. (202) 737-3400. Elegant marble walls display the names of nearly 14,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty since 1794. Interactive video displays, children's activity packets, a gift shop, and maps are available at the Visitors Center which is open daily from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 12 noon - 5 p.m. *The Memorial is open 24 hours a day. Metro: Judiciary Square*

NATIONAL MALL

www.nps.gov/nama

Between Constitution and Independence Avenues, SW, Washington, D.C. (202) 485-9880. A splendid green park area extending about two miles from the U.S. Capitol to the Washington Monument. Lining either side of the park near the Capitol are 200-year-old American elm trees, several of the Smithsonian museums, the National Archives, and the National Gallery of Art. **Metro: Smithsonian**

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE AT WALTER REED

nmhm.washingtondc.museum

6825 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20306. (202) 782-2200. The museum features exhibits on human biology, Civil War medicine, current health issues, and the world's most comprehensive microscope collection. See antique medical instruments and view the bullet that took Lincoln's life. *Open daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. except Christmas. Admission is free. Metro: Takoma*

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS

www.nmwa.org

1250 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. (202) 783-5000. Permanent collection of more than 1500 works by over 400 female artists from 28 countries, including Cassatt and O'Keefe. *Open Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. except Jan. 1, Thanksgiving, and Dec. 25. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. Metro: Metro Center*

NATIONAL SHRINE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

www.nationalshrine.com

4th Street and Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20017. (202) 526-8300. Roman Catholic Shrine containing the largest collection of contemporary Christian art in the U.S. in over 60 chapels and oratories, reflecting the religious heritage of America's many cultures. Masses occur regularly, and book and gift shops are available. *Tours are free. The Shrine is open daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Metro: Brookland/CUA*

NAVY MUSEUM

www.history.navy.mil/branches/nhcorg8.htm

Washington Navy Yard, 901 M Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20374. (202) 433-4882. Housed in the old Naval Gun Factory, this unique collection of naval memorabilia includes parts of the USS Constitution, uniforms, and photos. Kids will like the museum's hands-on nature. *Open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Metro: Navy Yard*

OCTAGON MUSEUM

www.archfoundation.org/octagon

1799 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006-5292. (202) 638-3221. Designed by Dr. William Thornton, first architect of the US Capitol, the Federal town house served as executive mansion for President Madison after the British burned the White House in 1814. Madison signed the Treaty of Ghent ending the War of 1812 in the second floor parlor. Today, this historic home is the museum of the American Architectural Foundations and features period furnishings and changing exhibitions of architecture and allied arts. *Open Tuesday to Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (except Jan. 1, Thanksgiving, and Dec. 25). Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Metro: Farragut North or Farragut West*

OLD POST OFFICE PAVILION

www.oldpostofficedc.com

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. (202) 289-4224. This former post office offers shops, restaurants, and a dramatic view from a 315-foot tower. *The Pavilion is open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday noon - 6 p.m. (summer) & 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (winter). Tower Tours are given daily 8 a.m. - 10:45 p.m. (summer) & 8 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. (winter). Admission is free. Metro: Federal Triangle*

OLD STONE HOUSE

www.nps.gov/rocr/oldstonehouse

3051 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. (202) 426-6851. Built in 1765, the oldest house in Washington offers tours Wednesday to Sunday from 12 noon - 5:00 p.m. *Closed all federal holidays. Metro: Foggy Bottom (then take bus or cab)*

PENTAGON

www.defenselink.mil/pubs/pentagon/tour.htm

Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301. (703) 697-1776. The Pentagon is one of the world's largest office buildings and headquarters of the Defense Department. *A limited number of tours are available to school groups with reservations through Rep. Hensarling's office. Metro: Pentagon*

PHILLIPS COLLECTION

www.phillipscollection.org

1600 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009. (202) 387-2151. America's first museum of modern art features works by Renoir, Cezanne, Bonnard, Braque, Daumier, Dove, El Greco, Manet, Matisse, Miro, O'Keeffe, and Picasso. *Open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Admission is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for students. Metro: Dupont Circle*

ROCK CREEK NATIONAL PARK

www.nps.gov/rocr

3545 Williamsburg Lanes, NW, Washington, D.C. (202) 895-6000. Rustic expanse of 1,754 acres surrounding Rock Creek riding stable, tennis courts, picnic areas, golf course, art gallery, nature center, and a network of trails. *Open daily 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Admission is free. Metro: Cleveland Park*

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

1525 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. (202) 347-8766. Built in 1816 across from the White House, every president since Madison has worshiped here. The church and Parish House are national historic landmarks. *Open daily 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (except during regular services). Tours are available after the 11 a.m. Sunday service or by appointment. Closed all federal holidays. Admission is free. Metro: McPherson Square*

ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE CATHEDRAL

www.stmatthewscathedral.org

1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-3005. (202) 347-3215. One of the most impressive houses of worship in the United States, the Cathedral is the seat of the Archbishop of Washington. Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass here in 1979. President John F. Kennedy was buried from here in 1963. *Open 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Guided tours are available. Metro: Farragut North or Dupont Circle*

Smithsonian Institution Group

Washington, D.C. 20560. (202) 357-2700.

www.si.edu

Unless otherwise indicated, buildings are open daily 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (with extended summer hours) and closed on Christmas. Admission is free.

Metro: Smithsonian, unless otherwise indicated

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION BUILDING - VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER - "THE CASTLE"

1000 Jefferson Drive, SW. The oldest Smithsonian museum houses the crypt of founder James Smithson, theaters, models of Washington, interactive touch-screen programs, electronic wall maps, and multilingual information and assistance. *Walk-in tours are available from Friday through Sunday.*

ANACOSTIA MUSEUM - 1901 Fort Place, SE. Collection, study, and exhibition of African-American history, art, and culture.

ARTS AND INDUSTRIES BUILDING

900 Jefferson Drive, SW. See exhibitions about African American and Native American cultures and an exhibition on 150 years of Smithsonian collecting.

FREER GALLERY OF ART - 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW. Outstanding Asian art collection, plus 19th- and 20th-century American works.

HIRSHHORN MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE GARDEN

7th & Independence Avenue, SW. Collection of 19th- and 20th-century painting and sculpture in a striking cylindrical structure and adjoining garden. Exhibitions explore the newest trends in modern art. **Metro: L'Enfant Plaza**

NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

6th & Independence Avenue, SW. The world's most visited museum highlights the history, science, and technology of aviation and space flight. See the Wright Brothers' 1903 Flyer, Lindberg's "Spirit of St. Louis," the Apollo 11 lunar command module, and an incredible collection of aviation and space treasures. Einstein Planetarium presents a free constellations program daily at 3 p.m. **Metro: Smithsonian or Federal Triangle**

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART - 950 Independence Avenue, SW. This museum is devoted to African art collection and exhibition.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

8th & G Streets, NW. See paintings, sculpture, and photos by American artists from the 1700s to today. **Metro: Gallery Place-Chinatown**

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY

14th & Constitution Avenue, NW. Explore the history of science, technology, science, and culture in America. Highlights include flags that inspired The Star-Spangled Banner, First Ladies' inaugural gowns, and cars. Popular exhibitions include *Information Age*, *Field to Factory*, *A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the Constitution*, and *September 11: Bearing witness to History*. **Metro: Smithsonian or Federal Triangle**

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

10th & Constitution Avenue, NW. This museum is dedicated to the natural world and our place in it. See the 45.5-carat Hope Diamond, dinosaur fossils, Insect Zoo, and the world's largest elephant, among 120 million objects. **Metro: Smithsonian & Federal Triangle**

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

8th & F Street, NW. Currently being renovated. The Gallery will be closed to the public until 2004-2005. **Metro: Gallery Place-Chinatown**

NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE. Explore the history of postal communications with unique collections of airmail planes, stagecoaches, rare stamps and letters, Owney the postal Dog, a Pony Express exhibit, and rare postage and revenue stamps. **Metro: Union Station**

NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

3000 block of Connecticut Avenue, NE. (202) 673-4717. See over 3,000 exotic animals, birds, reptiles, and two giant pandas. Explore *Amazonia*, a re-creation of the world's largest rain forest. *Open daily: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. from Oct. 16 to Apr. 14 and 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. from Apr. 15 to Oct. 15; animal buildings are open 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. Guided and group tours are available by appointment.* **Metro: Woodley Park-Zoo**

RENWICK GALLERY - 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Collection of 19th- & 20th-century American crafts and arts. **Metro: Farragut West**

SACKLER GALLERY, ARTHUR M.

1050 Independence Avenue, SW. See exhibits of Asian art, plus Chinese jades, Iranian silver, Persian manuscripts, and contemporary Japanese ceramics.

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI AT ANDERSON HOUSE

2118 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008. (202) 785-2040. Former home of Ambassador and Mrs. Larz Anderson, this mansion, museum, and library on Embassy Row is now the national headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati, whose membership consists of male descendants of Revolutionary War officers. The museum features Revolutionary War objects and the Andersons' art collection. *Admission is free. The House is open Tuesday - Saturday from 1 - 4 p.m. and closed for all federal holidays.* **Metro: Dupont Circle**

STATE DEPARTMENT www.state.gov

2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520. (202) 647-3241. Tours, available by reservation only, are conducted Monday to Friday at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 2:45 p.m., except on federal holidays. Visitors need to check-in at the C Street Entrance with photo ID.

SUPREME COURT www.supremecourtus.gov

1st Street & Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20543. (202) 479-3211. The Supreme Court is the highest tribunal in the Nation for all cases and controversies arising under the Constitution or the laws of the United States. *Open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with lectures every hour on the half hour 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. when not in session. Reservations through Rep. Hensarling's office are recommended and are at 2 p.m. Admission is free.* **Metro: Capitol South or Union Station**

TEXTILE MUSEUM www.textilemuseum.org

2320 S Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008. (202) 667-0441. This elegant museum features historic and contemporary hand-made textile arts from around the world. *Open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 5 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5.* **Metro: Dupont Circle**

TUDOR PLACE www.tudorplace.org

1644 31st Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. (202) 965-0400. This federal period mansion and gardens was home to Martha Custis Peter, Martha Washington's grandmother. *Tours are available Tuesday to Friday at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.; and Saturday on the hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Suggested donation is \$2 per person. Reservations are required for group tours.* **Metro: Dupont (15 min. walk)**

UNION STATION

40 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002. (202) 484-7540. This working train station has been beautifully restored and houses 125 stores, restaurants, a food court, 9-screen cinema complex, plus international money exchange, car rentals, and Amtrak ticket counter. *Store hours: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday noon - 6 p.m. Restaurants and East Hall hours vary.* **Metro: Union Station**

UNITED STATES BOTANIC GARDENS www.nationalgarden.org

245 First Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. (202) 225-8333. This living museum houses permanent collections of tropical, subtropical, and desert plants. *Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., except Jan. 1, Yom Kippur, and Christmas. Admission is free.* **Metro: Federal Center SW**

UNITED STATES CAPITOL www.aoc.gov

Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. 20515. (202) 225-6827. Under the magnificent white dome, senators and representatives meet to shape U.S. legislative policy. *The Capitol is open to the public for guided tours only. Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (to 8 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day) except Jan. 1, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Admission is free. Rep. Hensarling's office is also happy to provide personalized Capitol tours for those who make reservations in advance.* **Metro: Capital South or Union Station**

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM www.ushmm.org

100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024-2150. (202) 488-0400. This somber and moving museum tells the story of the Holocaust through artifacts, films, photographs, and oral histories. *Open daily 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Admission is free, but timed tickets are required to view the permanent collection. Each day, 2,000 same-day tickets are given out, usually being depleted by noon (limit 4 per person). Advance tickets are available through ProTix at 1-800-400-9373. The permanent exhibit is not recommended for children under age 11. Tickets are not required to enter the museum or to visit the Wexner Learning Center, Hall of Remembrance, or the special exhibits.* **Metro: Smithsonian**

UNITED STATES NAVAL OBSERVATORY www.usno.navy.mil

3450 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20392. (202) 762-1467. Visit with staff astronomers, see the Master Clock, make observations through telescopes (weather permitting), and see a video presentation on the mission and history of the Observatory. *A free tour is conducted on alternating Monday nights at 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., except on federal holidays. Reservations are required.*

UNITED STATES NAVY MEMORIAL AND NAVAL HERITAGE CENTER www.lonesailor.org

701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, #123, Washington, D.C. 20004. (202) 737-2300. View towering masts, waving flags, tiered waterfalls and the Lone Sailor statue. Inside, see nautical interactive videos, the Ships Store, and the spectacular *At Sea* film shown hourly. *Open Monday - Friday from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday from noon - 5 p.m. Admission is free. Movie prices are free. Metro: Archive-Naval Memorial*

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL www.vvmf.org

21st & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. (202) 634-1568. This modern v-shaped memorial of black granite is inscribed with the names of 58,229 people missing or killed in the Vietnam War. Directories help locate names on the walls; name rubbings are available upon request. Frederick Harts's life-size bronze sculpture depicts 3 young servicemen. *Open 24 hours; a park ranger is on site from 8 a.m. - 12 midnight. Metro: Smithsonian*

VIETNAM WOMEN'S MEMORIAL

21st & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. (202) 426-6841. Located across from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, this 2,000-pound bronze statue depicts 3 servicewomen and 1 wounded soldier supported by sandbags. *Open 24 hours. Metro: Smithsonian*

WASHINGTON DOLL'S HOUSE AND TOY MUSEUM

5236 44th Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20015. (202) 244-0024. Carefully researched collection of antique dolls' houses, dolls, toys, and games. *Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon - 5 p.m. Closed Mondays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Group tours are available by appointment. Metro: Friendship Heights*

WASHINGTON MONUMENT www.nps.gov/wamo

15th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. (202) 426-6841. One of the tallest masonry structures in the world, this majestic obelisk was dedicated in 1885 to the memory of the first U.S. President. An elevator ride takes you to the top of the spectator view. *Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (9 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. from April through Labor Day) except Christmas. Free timed passes are required. For advance tickets, call TicketMaster at 1-800-505-5040. Metro: Smithsonian*

WASHINGTON POST

1150 15th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20071. (202) 334-6000. Free tours of the plant cover step-by-step production and distribution of the paper. *Tours are offered Mondays at 10 and 11 a.m. & 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Reservations are required. Metro: McPherson Square or Farragut North.*

WEST POTOMAC PARK

15th and Maine Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. (202) 479-2426. Enjoy paddle boating March - September on the beautiful Tidal Basin. *Boat rental is available daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cost is \$8 an hour for a two person boat. Metro: Smithsonian*

WHITE HOUSE www.whitehouse.gov

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20502. (202) 456-7041. The White House has been the home of every President except George Washington. A limited number of tours are available for organized youth groups, school groups, active military groups and veterans groups. School groups are defined as students in grades 1 through 12 who are enrolled in the same school or school district, or homeschoolers. *Requests must be submitted to the White House from Rep. Hensarling's office. These self-guided group tours are scheduled from 7:45 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Group leaders are encouraged to call the 24-hour recorded information line at (202) 456-7041 for the most up-to-date information. Metro: McPherson Square or Metro Center*

WHITE HOUSE VISITOR CENTER

Southeast corner of 15th and E Streets. 1-800-717-4062. The White House Visitor Center significantly enhances White House tours by showcasing White House architecture, furnishings, first families, social events, and relations with the press and world leaders. A 30-minute video is also shown. *The Center is open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Metro: McPherson Square*

WOODROW WILSON HOUSE www.woodrowwilsonhouse.com

2430 S Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008. (202) 387-4062. Washington's only presidential museum, the former home of President and Mrs. Wilson following their White House years features original furnishings, presidential memorabilia, and changing exhibits. *The House is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. Metro: Dupont Circle*

ALSO AVAILABLE:

OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOUR SERVICES www.historictours.com

1-800-TOUR-HTA. Old Town Trolley Tours of Washington, D.C., provides continuous trolley tours of D.C.

TOURMOBILE SIGHTSEEING SERVICES www.tourmobile.com

202-554-5100 or 1-888-868-7707. TOURMOBILE provides a variety of narrated shuttle tours to sights in and around D.C.